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1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR EARLIER DEMARCHE (REFTEL), THE MFA
DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES,
AMBASSADOR NOMIKOS, ADVISED US TODAY (SEPTEMBER 13) THAT,
ALTHOUGH THE GOG AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH OUR VIEWS ON
THE COST OF WORKING LANGUAGES IN ICAO, IT REGRETS THAT IT
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CO-SPONSER OUR RESOLUTION. HE WENT ON
TO SAY THAT THE GOG WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR RESOLUTION
AND WILL DO SO IF IT APPEARES THE RESOLUTION HAS MAJORITY
SUPPORT.

2. NOMIKOS EXPLAINED TAT THE GOG WAS TAKING THE POSITION
DESCRIBED ABOVE BECAUSE IT DID NOT WISH TO OFFEND THE PRC
AND OTHERS WHO ARE SENSITIVE ABOUT THE USE OF THEIR LANGUAGE
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AS A WORKING ICAO LANGUAGE. IF THE GOG VOTES FOR OUR
RESOLUTION, HE SAID, INEXPLAINING ITS VOTE THE GREEK
DELEGATION WILL STATE THAT IT DOES NOT OPPOSE THE USE OF
CHINESE AS A WORKING LANGUAGE. (IN CONNECTION WITH THE
SENSITIVITY OF OTHERS ABOUT THE USE OF THEIR LANGUAGE
NOMILOS MENTIONED AS AN EXAMPLE A RECENT COMPLAINT TO THE
GREEKS BY THE FRENCH THAT DOCUMENTS ARE NOT BEING CIRCU-

LATED IN FRENCH.)

3. IN CONCLUSION NOMIKOS POINTED OUT THAT, AS IS THE CASE
GENERALLY IN SUCH MATTERS, THE GOG DELEGATION WILL HAVE A
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FLEXIBILITY AND THE FINAL DECISION
CONCERNING THE GREEK VOTE ON THE US RESOLUTION WILL BE
MADE AT THE LAST MINUTE ON THE SPOT. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST
THAT THE US DELEGATION REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE
GREEK DELEGATION WHILE OUR RESOLUTION IS BEING CONSIDERED.
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